

## **July 27, 2021 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Davis at 7:00 p.m. Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present. Clerk Smith and DPW Superintendent Friend were also present,

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – Rademacher removed Engineer Update on Water.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Barr, support by Dye to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Bacon, supported by Barr to approve minutes of Regular Meeting 6/22/21, Work Session 7/8/21 and approve Bills totaling \$13,586.93. ROLL CALL: Unanimous. MOTION PASSED.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – Smith pointed out the Treasury Dept. financial reports that Bacon had shared. Bacon questioned the negative Water Fund balance and Smith stated that this was due to the bond payment and monies have been transferred to restore a positive balance.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Dye read letter from Tom Isleib to POS Committee.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – DPW Superintendent Friend reported new temporary DPW worker, mowing & edging progress. Outlet has been plugged, but has been cleared by hand rather than equipment. After conferring with others, he does not recommend chlorinating the water system. Bacon stated that several residents have commented on the edging. Many residents have expressed their appreciation.

**COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FORMAT – Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to add a monthly field to the Revenue/Expenditure Budget report. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Rademacher, Chase, Palmer, Dye. Nays: Davis, Barr, Bacon. MOTION PASSED.**

**ARPA GRANT – COUNTY SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> DEADLINE -**

**Motion by Dye, support by Palmer to submit the following suggestions: 1and engineering and construction of a stormwater plan for Lake & Aylsworth to address debris coming down from County Road, creating a loop on the dead-end water line, replacing the pump for Well #1 at Niagara St. for \$9,700, install a new water storage vent for \$55K, shoreline protection, water quality testing for South Bar Lake, water runoff at Wood & Aylsworth.** There was discussion of whether the stormwater would be addressed by the County Drainage District. There was discussion of the Treasury Rules on projects requiring projects planned or started prior to 3-3-21, items planned and/or on the CIP, and water quality testing. Bacon would like to see

broadband improved for schools throughout the County. Shoreline protection and water quality testing have been planned and budgeted for several years. **ROLL CALL: AYES: Dye, Barr, Davis, Chase, Rademacher, Palmer. Nays: Bacon. MOTION PASSED.** Dye will draft a letter to the County and Smith will forward.

**DNR PASSPORT GRANT FOR SHALDA PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT** – There was discussion of communication with the Disability Network regarding equipment they would support. It was also pointed out that staff have traditionally done the leg work for grants and final choices are then made by the Council.

**ENGINEER UPDATE ON WATER SYSTEM WELLS AND TANK** – Moved to August 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr for Davis to contact Village Engineer about possible early meeting time for next work session. Upon a unanimous voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Meg Walton commented on the South Bar Lake Association meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT** – Dye commented on recently organized work groups at beach. Palmer commented on South Bar Lake, other water testing and the recent visit from Conservation Forester Ross. Bacon commented on the South Bar Lake Association meeting and the importance of keeping Township officials informed and involved with Village issues. Davis reported on conversations he had with Consumers regarding streetlighting. He also spoke with Figura regarding the easements for the Village at M-22 that will be recorded in each parcel as required. He spoke with Sheriff Borkovich who stated they do not have time to enforce Village ordinances. They will issue tickets for illegal handicap parking if contacted. He reminded Council of the rules regarding contact for professional services.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:53 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

*These minutes were approval at the August 24, 2021, Regular Council meeting.*